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Corps of Engineers schedules public meeting in Aberdeen on releases from Jamestown and Pipestem Reservoirs

OMAHA – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a public meeting on Wednesday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in Aberdeen, S.D. to discuss releases from Jamestown and Pipestem Reservoirs. The meeting will be held in the Ramkota Inn at 1400 8th Avenue Northwest.

The Corps will discuss reservoir release plans for Jamestown and Pipestem Reservoirs located along the James River and Pipestem Creek immediately north of Jamestown, N.D. Pipestem is a Corps project and Jamestown is a Bureau of Reclamation project that is regulated by the Corps when the reservoir pool levels are in the flood control zone. Due to high snowmelt runoff, the two reservoirs have higher than normal pool levels and high-level releases are expected for the next several months.

Pipestem Reservoir is currently at a level of 1483.6 feet above mean sea level (msl) with 62 percent of the flood control storage occupied. The reservoir is expected to peak on about May 15 at a level of 1487.0 feet msl, which is the third highest annual peak pool level on record. Jamestown Reservoir is currently at a level of 1450.8 feet msl with 79 percent of the flood control storage occupied. The reservoir is expected to peak in the next week at a level of 1451.0 feet msl, which is the second highest annual peak pool level on record.

The combined peak inflow at the reservoirs was 16,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) on April 16, 2011. During the spring runoff, the combined reservoir release rate has been held at or below 1800 cfs. Releases at the 1800 cfs level are expected until late June.

Officials with National Weather Service in Aberdeen will also attend the meeting to discuss forecast river levels on the James River in South Dakota.

The Corps is making use of all the communication tools available to keep the public informed of flood conditions and response activities.

The district Web site includes up-to-date information regarding our efforts as well as a number of other helpful resources like sandbagging how-to videos, news releases, flood insurance information and more.

<http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/op-e/flood.html>

Those who have Internet access either at home or on their mobile phones are encouraged to follow the Corps on Facebook and on Twitter for the most up-to-date information regarding flood response efforts.

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Those who do not have Internet access can call the Omaha District's toll-free number to get the most up-to-date information 888-835-5971 extension 2418.

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